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SUBJECT:FOIA REQUEST

1. A FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT REGARDING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ORIGINATING IN BOMBAY: (1) BOMBAY TELEGRAM 1278 (AUGUST 72) RELATING A BANE/SETHNA CONVERSATION, (2) UNCLASSIFIED LETTER FROM COURTNEY TO NRC CHAIRMAN ANDERS DATED FEBRUARY 26,1976, (3) SETHNA TO COURTNEY LETTER DATED FEBRUARY 25, 1976, (4) ATTACHMENTS TO THE FEBRUARY 25 LETTER ENTITLED (A) GOVERNMENT OF INDIA/DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY, CONTAINING TEN NUMBERED PARAGRAPHS. (B) ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEY LABORATORY AT TARAPUR, (C) DETAILS OF COMPOSITE SAMPLES ANALYZED DURING 1970-74 AT ESL TARAPUR AND (D) A NATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR SAFETY IN THE TARAPUR ENVIRONMENT, AND (5) COURTNEY TO SETHNA LETTER DATED FEBRUARY 17, 1976 ENCLOSING A COPY OF A TELEGRAM FROM ANDERS TO SHAN. ALL THE ABOVE MATERIAL EXCEPT ITEM (1) RELATES TO AN NRC REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL DATA ON THE TARAPUR
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REACTOR OPERATIONS. ITEM (1) CONCERNS A 1972 PROBLEM AT TARAPUR.

2. WE ARE UNCLEAR IF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN ITEMS (2) - (5) WAS PROVIDED BY THE INDIANS TO THE CONSULATE ON UNDERSTANDING THAT IT WOULD BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL EVEN THOUGH ITS ORIGINAL DESTINATION WAS UNDERSTOOD

TO BE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. DOES THE CONSULATE RECALL
WHETHER THE ATTACHMENTS WERE IN THE INDIAN PUBLIC
DOMAIN WHEN HANDED OVER? GENERALLY WE FEEL THAT
EXCHANGES BETWEEN CONGEN OFFICERS AND INDIAN AEC OFFICIALS
SHOULD BE TREATED AS CONFIDENTIAL EVEN THOUGH THE
INFORMATION SOMETIMES DEALT WITH IS UNCLASSIFIED.
BUT WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE CONGEN'S COMMENTS ON
THESE PARTICULAR ITEMS IN LIGHT OF THE FOIA REQUEST.
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